

## GEORGIEV IS SHOT BY SOFIA AS SPY

### Bulgarian Diplomat's Plea for Clemency Rejected

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YUGOSLAVIA, Jan. 5—Ivan Asen Khristov Georgiev, former counselor to the Bulgarian mission at the United Nations, was shot this weekend as a spy for the United States.

The state prosecutor's office in Sofia announced this morning that a clemency appeal to the Presidium of the National Assembly was read and rejected in a special session yesterday.

A report from the Bulgarian telegraph Agency, the official press agency, said, "The sentence has been executed." No time or place was given.

During a five-day trial last week Mr. Georgiev was pictured by the prosecution as an agent of the United States Central Intelligence Agency for seven years until his arrest in September.

He was also branded as a

dissolute who betrayed his wife with mistresses, a hypocrite, a man of monumental conceit, a political wanderer and a luxury-seeker.

#### Called Hegel Scholar

Mr. Georgiev, a Communist since 1928, would have been 57 years old in March. At the trial he was described as a highly qualified authority on the law and as one of Bulgaria's leading Hegel scholars.

He wrote a history of Sparta and a study of a class struggle between workers and political functionaries in contemporary Communist societies. Neither was published.

The manuscript about Sparta was confiscated by the court. The manuscript on classes in Communism is said to be somewhere in the United States.

On the third day of the trial Mr. Georgiev said he had been a revisionist and that he had pursued ideas similar to those of Milovan Djilas about modifying the Communist system of government. He testified that these theories and his revulsion against Stalinism had led him to enlist as an agent for the United States.

He was charged with having accepted about \$200,000 for betraying secrets to the United States between 1956 and 1963. Much of the money said to have been spent to support mistresses.